

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1872.

Sometime since, there was a debate in the Senate, on a resolution relative to the sale of arms to the French. It branched off into other subjects, mainly political. It was a sharp, lively, spirited discussion. We have seen the speeches delivered on the occasion referred to mentioned as equaling those listened to when the Senate was composed of such men as Webster, Clay, Calhoun, and their cotemporaries, and when that body was the ablest legislative assembly in the world! Never was there a more erroneous comparison. Never one less justified by the truth. The late debate was not the contest of statesmen on great constitutional topics, of enduring interest, wherein eloquence, learning and argument were displayed, but the encounter of active politicians, on topics of the hourwhich are of but comparatively transient im-

The committee of the Senate to inquire into the sale of arms to the French, yesterday examined Colonel Benet, of the Ordnance Department. In answer to questions as to the capacity of this Government to furnish arms to troops in case of a difficulty with any foreign Power, he replied that there is now on hand 450,000 breach-loaders, and that the Government factories at the end of thirty days could turn out at lesst 100,000 per month. The number on hand at present is in addition to the arms in the hands of the militia and the regular army. The Government could arm men as fast as they were mustered in the service. He thought the great want was appropriations for coast defences, and in his opinion at least \$1,000,000 per annum would be required for that purpose.

President Buford, of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, in response to inquiries made with regard to the suit recently instituted against this road by the United States District Attorney, at Richmond, telegraphs, to the Baltimore Gazette that "it is only a rehash of an old claim that has been fully investigated and settled in our favor by the highest authority of the United States Government. I have no knowledge of any mortgage in favor of the Confederate States, made or recorded, nor of any recorded contract for the same. There is tinued its motion for an hour. The next day nothing in the pretence."

A most righteous verdict is the report of the English Commission of Inquiry on the loss of the British steamship, Megæra, censuring the solve the mystery without success. It was administration of the Admiralty. The captain of the unfortunate vessel had previously been any change in its behavior. It was removed tried and acquitted of all blame. The dreadful story of the shipwreck, as told by several writers, and most powerfully by an officer on change in its motion. board, in the pages of Blackwood, shows that the captain did all that mortal could do to save that miserable fraud of an ironclad from its

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette says :- "The attaches of the Japanese Embassy have an idea that all the hotels here are under one and the same management, and they change from one house to another whenever the notion takes them. A half dozen "Japs" together will walk into a hotel dining room, call for nearly everything on the bill of fare, and, after surfeiting themselves, walk out, gabbling away in their native language, making no offer to settle."

The numerous "investigations" going on, all over the country, into alleged abuses, frauds, defalcations, and pickings and stealings show land, and how demoralization pervades national state and municipal offices. It is lamentable to see it. Nor does there appear to be, at present, any great diminntion of the depth of ras-

A canvass of the political field of Spain, as made by the Government party, asserts that the new coalition will return one hundred elections, and a rumor was current in Paris yes- num. terday that a crisis was at hand in Madrid, King Amedeus having concentrated his army around Madrid and disarmed the National

The claimant to the Tichborne estate in England who has been in prison since the adverse decision in his case, has hopes of securing the required bail of £50,000 to effect his release. Three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds of the amount required have thus far been found, but he is certain to be rearrested on a dozen charges if released.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune says "it is understood that Gen. Longstreet in his letter of resignation of the government office he now holds in New Orleans, will assign as his reason that he cannot half plaster at \$14 per ton; and another onesupport an Administration which upholds an half plaster, one fourth salt, one-fourth wood ashes, at \$12 per ton. Ten thousand tons of attempt to overturn the Republican State government of Louisiana.'

The Wisconsin and Kentucky Republican Conventions vesterday elected delegates to the Philadelphia Convention, and both bodies endorsed the present Administration and instructions were given to the delegates to cast their votes, at the Philadelphia Convention, for Grant, of whose nomination there seems no doubt.

It is stated that the sending of Gen. Howard a vigorous warfare. .

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Committee on Claims of the House o Representatives have agreed to report in favor of a bill to further regulate the Southern Claims Commission, giving it broader jurisdiction. The bill will contain an amendment to include claims, to be examined and passed upon by the Commission, those for naval supplies taken by the United States authorities from "loyal" citizens during the war, and also an amendment to regulate Attorney's fees for

To show the very age and body of the Times

prosecuting claims. In November last an attempt was made to destroy a passenger train on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad by drawing spikes from the rails and changing a switch. The fiend who attempted the destruction of the train was arrested in Cincinnati on Tuesday, and stated that he had made the attempt because he had a spite against a boss on the road.

In the Kentucky Radical Convention yesterday quite a commotion was caused by the introduction of a resolution remonstrating against the 42,000 colored Republican voters being constantly ignored in the appointments to the Federal offices. After an excited debate the resolution was laid on the table.

Matthew Clark, one of the jurors in Mayor Hall's case, died in New York last night. This will necessitate the empanelling of a new jury.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Gen. Asa Rogers, second auditor of the State, left Richmond yesterday for New York on business connected with the engraving and printing of new bonds, rendered necessary by the recent action of the Legislature as construed by Attorney-General Taylor. Fifteen thousand dollars worth of the bonds prepared under the funding act remain in the hands of Treasurer Mayo and are wholly worthless.

M. H. Pace has been appointed pastmaster at Shadwell, Albemarle county, Va., vice R. J. Criddle, resigned, and Robert Compton postmaster at Bentonville, Warren county, Va. vice W. C. Clark, resigned.

Several sportsmen of Lynchburg left yesterday morning for the great Pigeon Roost in Charlotte county, amply provided with material to slay all the pigeons that might cross their path.

Information is received of the death of Mrs. Col. Carr, of Roanoke, daughter of the late Gen. Watts, and sister of Col. Wm. Watts of

At the sale of the assets of the Pittsylvania bank in Richmond Saturday. the amount realized was \$5,000.

"THE SMITH CRADLE-ROCKING." - The last number of the Lexington Gazette closes a cleverly written editorial on "Ghosts," with the extract which we give below. The facts of the cradle-rocking are, so far as we are informed, quite correctly given. We have heard the strange story 'many times and oft," from the lips of old citizens of Lynchburg:

"This is one of the most remarkable and best authenticated phenomena of its kind on record. It occurred in 1840 in Lynchburg, at the residence of the late W. A. Smith, D. D., for many years President of Randolph Macon College. In that year he was pastor of a Lynchburg church. An empty cradle in his house ticed rocking of its own accord. It conit commenced rocking at the same time, kept it up, and stopped as on the day before. Thus it continued daily for over a month. Many intelligent citizens and ministers witnessed the wonderful affair and made repeated efforts to moved to different parts of the room without to other apartments in the dwelling with the same result. It was taken to pieces and each part scrutinized and refitted, yet there was no

'The Methodist clergy selected one of their number to hold the cradle and prevent, if possible, its movement. The Rev. Dr. Penn, one of the purest men of his time, was chosen for this purpose. While it was rocking he grasped it. It wrenched itself from his grip! He seized it more firmly. The timbers cracked and the cradle would have been broken in the struggle to release itself, had he not loosened

"It was not further hindered in its daily exercise. After thirty or more days it stopped

and never commenced again. No explanation of this wonderful affair was

ever given or attempted.

CONGRESS.-In the Senate, yester lay, a bill was passed extending to aliens the benefit of the acts providing for the removal of causes in certain cases from the State courts. The House bill authorizing a survey of the northwestern boundary between the United States and British America was also passed. Mr. Conkling's to what an extent corruption has flooded the resolution calling for information as to the number of recommendations to office made during the term of the present Administration by Senators, was modified so as to include substantially the propositions advocated by Mr. Trumbull, and then laid over temporarily. The executive appropriation bill was amended by raising the salaries of the assistant secretaries and certain other bureau officers to \$4,000 per year. An amendment was adopted fixing the salaries of commissioner of agriculture, solicitor of the treasury and solicitor of the intermembers to the Cortez in the approaching nal revenue department at \$4,000 each per an-

> In the House of Representatives, a bill was passed to prevent the enlistment of minors in the military service. The proposition to increase the subsidy for the China and Japan mail service was debated till adjournment. Mr. Butler's bill for the removal of certain causes to United States Courts was recommitted after

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA.—At a meeting of the American Institute Farmers' Club at New York, in December, Professor H. E. Colton presented some specimens of plaster from Southwestern Virginia, and also a lump from Nova Scotia in contrast. He stated that the plaster from Virginia is claimed to be a strictly pure sulphate of lime. The sample presented came from the mines of the Holston Salt Company. They sell it there in lump at \$4 per ton; ground at \$6, and make a fertilizer of one half salt, oneplaster were sold from the mines of this neighborhood last year. Three years ago the trade was unknown. The vein or bed of plaster exists along a section of country many miles in extent. It is sent South and East by the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, a branch of that road running parallel with the bed for several

M. P. CONFERENCE. - The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. met in Washington yesterday, Rev. Dr. Reese & O. Company in response to the application presiding. Rev. B. F. Benson, of this city, was of the Committee of Trade, of this place, auas commissioner to the Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, will be the last move the govern-standing committees were announced and the mail facilities via the W. & S. Road up and ment will make in behalf of peace. If this annual sermon preached by Dr. Drinkhouse, down the Valley in the direction of Alexanmission, like that of many previous ones, fails after which the very solemn service of calling over the list of the deceased members of the of pacific results, there will be nothing left but Conference was proceeded with by Rev. Dr. a vigorous warfare.

Over the deceased members of the Conference was proceeded with by Rev. Dr. Southerland, and then the Sacrament of the bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end, and a savition we deem it essential to have an agent, or bringing about this desirable end. Lord's Supper was administered to members of ing of twenty hours time in the transmission agents, to sell our produce direct to the con mond, yesterday, an appeal was allowed in the acters was then proceeded with.

BALTO. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

WARRENTON, VA., Mar. 13-night.-In the Conference, to-day, resolutions were adopted strongly urging the claims of the Nashville Book Concern, and pledging the Conference to the support of the St. Louis Christian Advocate and the Baltimore Episcopal Methodist.

An assessment was made for educational purposes; four-fifths to Randolph Mason College, to educate young men for the ministry, and one-fifth to Olin and Preston Institute.

A report was submitted for the establishment of a Baltimore book publishing house with a capital of \$50,000, and asking the cooperation and endorsement of the Conference. The report of the Missionary Treasurer was read, showing the receipts to have been \$4,-530,56, and a division of 55 per cent made to the claimants on that fund.

Rev. Dr. Sargent, with much emotion, asked a superannuated relation, after reciting his service, extending over forty-seven years, during which fifteen were spent on circuits, eleven on districts and twenty-one in stations. He said it was very painful for him to ask this relation. but ill-health demanded it. The Conference unanimously granted it by a rising vote.

WARRENTON, March 14.-The Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, closed its sessions at 12 o'clock last night. The closing of Conference is always full of interest, and that last night was particularly so. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the remarks of Bishop Payne, delivered just previous to the final adjournment, were touchingly eloquent. Death has relieved four members of the Conference from their active labors during the past year-among them Rev. Messrs. Shoaf and Nally. The session has been a most harmonious and pleasant one throughout, and the generous hospitality of the people of Warrenton won the praise of all. There were few, if any, changes made in the presiding elders. The following are the principal appointments:

Alexandria, Rev. E. F. Busey. Loudoun Circuit, Rev. Dr. R. R. S. Hough. Washington, Mt. Vernon Place, Revs. Dr. S. S. Roszell, John A. Kein; J. W. Botelor,

South Baltimore, Rev. I. W. Canter; Emanuel Church, Rev. S. F. Shipley; Bond Street Church, Rev. G. H. Zimmerman; Trinity, (Balto.) Rev. S. Kepler, (temporary.)

Waynesboro, Augusta county, Va., Rev. J. R. Van Horne; Staunton, Va., Rev. H. II. Kennedy; Warrenton, Va., Rev. L. C. Miller; Winchester, Va., Rev. T. E. Carson; Fincastle, Va., Rev. Dr. J. M. Follansbee; Fredericksburg, Va., Rev. J. S. Gardner; Fairfax, Va., Rev. E. H. Henry; Martinsburg, Va., Rev. J. Maxwell.

Sweet Spring Circuit, Rev. C. E Beauchamp. West River, Md., Rev. Presley R. Smith; Frederick City, Md.; Rev. J. C. Hummer; Cumberland, Md., Rev. J. W. Duffey; Queen Anne's Ct., Md., Rev. Dr. C. C. Linthicum; Prince George's Ct., Md., Rev. Sylvanus Townsend; South River Md. Ct., Rev. Walter W. Watts; Hereford, Rev. J. C. Sedwick.

Calvert Circuit, Md., Rev. Mr. Miller. Talbot Circuit Md., Rev. A. B. Dolly. Warm Springs Mission, Va., Rev. Rufu Wilson; Rockingham, Va., Ct., Rev. W. H. Wilson; Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Va., Rev. Nelson Head: Churchville, Va.. Rev. A. A. Eskridge; Linganore, Va., Rev. David Bush.

WARRENTON, March 14. - The Conference was in session until after twelve o'clock this morning, Bishop Payne finishing reading the appointments at 12-midnight. Resolutions complimentary to Bishop Payne, the presiding officer, and Rev. George G. Brooke, late Sunday School Agent. were passed; also to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad and connecting lines for return free tickets, and to the citizens of Warrenton for their generous and whole souled hospitality in extending the freedom of the town to the entire delegationthree hundred in number. After a harmonious session of seven days the Conference adjourned at 12:40 a. m. to meet again in Baltimore the first Wednesday in March, 1873. The ladies of Warrenton were highly interested spectators during the entire proceedings of the session, sitting it out until the final adjournment. Bishop Payne left for Washington this morning, and Bishop Doggett has gone to Richmond.

LAND SALES IN LOUDOUN COUNTY .- On Monday, J. L. Rinker, Auctioneer, sold at public sale, "Egypt," the property of the late Edward Hammat, containing 2481 acres, Jos. L. Norris Administrator, for \$4.70 per acre-Thos. H. Clagett, purchaser. The Oliver Taylor Nursery property, Heaton and Janney, commissioners, sold for \$3,000, -Jas, Gardner purchaser. One hundred acres near Woodgrove, belonging to Thompson Osburn, Heaton and Kilgour, commissioners, sold for \$30 per acre-John H. Thompson, purchaser. Two lots belonging to Samuel Case, near Morrisonville, Heaton and Lee, commissioners, were sold, 7 acres for \$155-Geo. Gaines, purchaser, and 23 acres at \$2,25 per acre-Wilson Barrett, purchaser. On Tuesday, the Ish Tan-yard, at Aldie, was sold for \$1925-Mrs. P. H. Ish, purchaser. A tract of 200 acres, belonging to same estate, was sold for \$14,75 per acre, and the Triplett farm belonging to same, 129 acres, B. P. Noland and P. Harrison, commissioners, was sold for \$9,25 per acre, E. & F. A. Ish purchasers of both tracts. 123 acres lying south of the Little River Turnpike, belonging to the estate of the late Harrison Cross, Noland and Foster, commissioners, was sold for \$8 per acre-L. F. Palmer, purchaser .-Londonn Mirror.

MURDERER TRACED UP .- On the 2d of Ocober, 1871, M. Le Chevalier Du Bois de Biauco, a wealthy citizen of Brussels, was murdered in his bed. The murderer stole railway shares and other securities valued at £10,000. For a long time no clue was discovered to the perpetrator of the crime, but in January one of the stolen shares was presented for payment at the banking house of M. Liesen, in Brussels. Inquires were made and the share traced to a Mr. Cowston, a London banker. Mr. Cowston received it from Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York, and a Idetective was instructed to follow up the trail on this side of the water -He traced the share through Charles S. Myles, who keeps a gambling establishment, to Chas. Volte, who was recently staying at the Prescott House. Volte in the meantime had gone to Philadelphia, whether he was followed by the detective who found his man at the Petey House, and took him back to New York on Saturday. Other bonds stolen from the murdered man have been traced to the possession of Volte, but the latter declares his entire innocence in the matter, and says that he bought the shares in London.

DAILY MAILS UP THE VALLEY. -Mr. E. J. C. A. Hull, Railroad Agent, received, last week, a letter from the authorities of the B.

Postmaster Atwell, under authority from farms and make their labor more remunerative. renomination of Gen. Grant chester Times.

From Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, March 13.-The Senate to-day agreed to the House amendments to the act incorporating the Fredericksburg, Culpeper and Rappahannock Railroad Company, and took up and passed the bill to amend and re- trains across the town, something like the Lonenact the 5th section of the act to incorporate don carriage horse, but with more substance; the Alexandria Dock Company, passed Feb. passed through Washington, and reached Al-6th. 1867.

A resolution that the Governor has five days parlance our baggage at the depot), we sallied after the adjournment of the General Assem | forth to inspect the town, which we found laid bly in which to approve any bill or joint resolution, but after the udjournment of the Gen- partially built over, many houses only recently eral Assembly no bill can become a law without finished, gardens full of flowers, roses in full the approval of the Governor, was referred. The bill yesterday agreed upon dividing the House Hotel as the best, and found it on a

land scrip between Hampton Institute and Preston and Olin Institute-one-third to the estate agency in connection with it. Finding former and two-thirds to the latter-was passed without a dissenting vote.

The bill in relation to the lease of the Penitentiary was passed -ayes 22, noes 6.

The House bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in certain counties was taken supper the same as breakfast; we paid \$12 up, read twice and, amended so as to make each. Next day we took a walk round the the provisions of the same apply to all counties of the State, and then passed -ayes press of the late war. We were surprised to 29, noes 3. This bill extends the time for the find wheat so forward, as it would be ready to collection of taxes to the 1st of April, but re- cut in a formight. The country generally

of March to be paid into the Treasury at once. The report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses in well adapted for making bricks, of which Alexrelation to a bill to prescribe the duties and andria is built. We saw very good crops of compensation of certain township officers, was wheat and red clover. Alexandria is six miles

agreed to. The tax bill was discussed till the hour of tion between them. We made arrangements

idjournment. In the House of Delegates, the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to show us over some of the best farms on their enquire and report what steps should be taken to secure the payment by West Virginia of her West portion of the public debt, was after discussion by Mr. Freeman; got out at a station about

A motion to lay on the table the bill to reguand circuit courts, to prescribe the number of good quality, but badly cultivated. Price askand carried to indefinitely postpone.

The bill to provide for the reorganization fice. Superintendent of Public Institution, Atrules of their sect, all pilots, light-house keep volunteer militia, idiots, lunatics, paupers, habitual drunkards, and persons convicted of infamous crimes. The bill goes to the Senate. Among the bills passed were the following: law; imposing a tax on oysters; to authorize railway, and walked on five miles through a the county judge of Westmoreland to appoint timber district, which was mostly cut down by the county judge of Westmoreland to appoint timber district, where the county judge of Westmoreland to appoint timber district. Came to a commissioners to revise the land books of said the troops in the war for firing. Came to a of general praise. Respectfully submitted.

JAS. RECTOR SMOOT. county; and to amend the Code in regard to farm of Dr. B's; very useful land; a mixture of fishing in the Potomac r ver.

prevent lobbying in the Legislature was amend- grazing; the blue grass growing naturally is the ed so as to make the offence punishable by fine best grass of the district. The house, a subof not less than \$5,000 and imprisonment in stantial frame building, with a little addition jail, and ordered to be engrossed.

the Legislature was taken up but an issue avoi- attended by a colored servant of the doctor's, ded and pending consideration, the House ad | who made us very comfortable. The doctor's

The following have become laws since those last reported: To amend the code of 1860 in regard to fishing in the Rappahannock river; to provide for a redivision of the county of Rockingham into townships; appropriating a sum of money for heating the building of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum by steam; for the relief of Nathaniel Prince, of the county of Loudoun; to complete the organization of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad company; to incorporate the Bank of Berryville; to incorporate the New Market Bank of Virginia; and the joint resolution requesting Congress to furnish Virginia

her quota of arms.

A meeting of Southern railroad men was revising the schedule of fares between New ances. York and New Orleans which was satisfactorily accomplished. Among those present were (six or seven miles). Passed through a good Messrs. Vandegritt and Broadus of the O. A. country, producing grand crops of red clover, & M. R. R.

It is thought that if the Senate concurs in the House resolution instructing the Treasurer not to receive "West Virginia certificates" as secureities, it will stop any settlement with that went to see an estate three miles from the stastate, as she could not enter into an arbitration tion; very good house, fifteen fine large rooms, on any other mode of settlement.

The Interest bill passed by the General As-

Letter from Prince William Co. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

HAYMARKET, March 12.—There was a meeting of the citizens of this vicinity, held here on Saturday, the 9th inst., to take into consideration the formation of a Building Association. Maj. A. H. Johnson was called to the chair. and Mr. J. P. Jordan, appointed Secretary. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, also one to petition the Legislature, to grant a charter to the "Haymarket Building Association." The capital stock is to be not less than one thousand dollars, or more than ten dollars each. Considerable interest was manifested, and there is but little doubt of success. The plan of the projectors is not alone that of too highly of. We arrived in the afternoon, erecting a handsome building in the village, but after rather a long step in the sun (twenty is to include a "monthly market," for the sale | miles) at a fine large house, though much out of live stock, farming impliments, grain, &c. of repair, situated in a beautiful country, with-This is an enterprise that every village in the in ten miles of the foot of the Blue Ridge State should emulate.

was found dead in the road, about a mile below Gainesville on Monday morning, the deceased was of temperate habits, and the cause of his death is unknown. We had snow again yesterday. The winter

most of our farmers are running short of provender for their cattle and other stock. MEETING AT HAMILTON, LOUDOUN CO .-

the following Preamble, Resolutions and Ar- properties to be sold. ticles of Association adopted :-WHEREAS, It is our belief that a Co-operative Association, of our farmers, will materially

advance the agricultural development and wealth of our county ; Therefore be it Resolved, 1st. That we do hereby agree to form such an Association, to be known as the Farmers' Co-operative Association of Loudoun

2d. That the object of this movement shall be to devise means to market our produce more

3d. To carry out the design of this Associathe city of Washington.

The Piedmont District of Virginia. [From the London Field.]

We left New York for Alexandria by the 9 p. m. train (on which there is but one class) reached Philadelphia at daybreak; next Balti more, where we saw a grand set of horses, used by the railway company to convey the exandria at 6 a. m. on the 26th of May. Laving our luggage at the station (or in American out in large squares, called there blocks, but bloom. We were directed to the Mansion large scale, making up 100 beds, and having an that we came to look for land, we were able to make good terms for a fortnight's stay. For a good double-bedded room, three meals a day; breakfast at seven-tea, coffee, hot meats, iced milk, and tea; excellent dinner at two, and town. The country bears in many ways the imquires all moneys collected previous to the 1st is undulating, or, as they call it here, rolling; the soil of a reddish colour, much like land in Northamptonshire, and very deep (6ft. to 10ft.),

from Washington; there is hourly communica

with Messrs. Green & Wise, estate agents, that

their travelling agent, Mr. Freeman, should

We started by the 8 a. m. train, accompanied fifty miles south-west of Alexandria, and walked over a farm about two miles off; 400 acres late and define the jurisdiction of the county very nice small house, in capital repair; land of terms of the circuit courts, and to fix the pay ed £9 an acre, worth, say, £7. Two miles of county judges, was rejected-ayes 57, nocs further on we viewed another farm, 400 acres. 57, but after a long debate a motion was made with a much larger house (twelve good-seized rooms), also in very good repair; price £11 au acre, worth £8. Adjoining this farm lies the the militia was passed-ayes 73, noes 22. It estate of Mr. C., well-known all through Virprovides that any able bodied male citizen, be- ginia as being one of the best in the Piedmont tween the ages of 18 and 45, resident within district, 1500 acres. All the timber, house, the State, and not exempted by the laws of the and fencing were burnt in the war. He has United States, shall be subject to military duty since built up a small house, well fenced most excepting the Treasurer, Auditor. Secretary of of his estate, and has it in a good state of culthe Commonwealth, Register of the Land Of-fice. Superintendent of Public Institution, At-quite a picked estate, for which he asked a torney General, judges and clerks of all courts. high figure, £11 an acre (good value for £8). sheriffs, the clerks of both houses of the Gen- Mr. C. took us all in for the night; we passed eral Assembly, keepers of jails, superintendents | a very pleasant evening, sitting in the veran-iah and attendants of the public hospitals and lu- smoking virgin tobacco, surrounded by fireflies natic asylums, the superintendent of the Peni- and humming-bird moths (here called lightning tentiary and his assistants, ministers of the bugs and tobacco bugs). All the lands we Gospel licensed to preach according to the viewed this day are called red land. It is held in high estimation except when too light, when ers, conductors and engine drivers of railroad it washes in the heavy rains. It is capable of trains, mariners actually employed, all members | growing to perfection wheat, oats. Indian corn. of regularly organized fire departments, any very fine clover, and cockfoot and catstail person who shall have served five years in the grass, of which can be cut very large crops of excellent hay. Little hay is used, however, owing to the quantity of fodder they have from the Indian corn stalks, which is preferred to it.

On May 31, after an early breakfast, walked to amend section 32 of the General Election to Brandy station, about two miles, crossed the peolate, red, and white soil. Saw some very At the night session of the House a biil to fine fields of wheat. The land is adapted for might be made very comfortable. Here we The bill to reduce the per dime of members of took up our quarters for the night, and were farm consists of 400 acres; his price was £8, but it should be bought for less money, owing to the distance from railway station (six miles).

I forgot to mention that for our pedestrians tour of inspection my friend and I had provided ourselves with napsacks upon a novel principle, but by far the best I have seen. They consist of two shapes, one 15in. by 10in., and 34in. deen; the other just fitting over it, made of strong patent leather, giving the power of expansion and depression, and by a simple arrangement of straps made to adjust to the shoulders as an ordinary knapsack. They carry a change of light clothing, three shirts, handkerchiefs, socks, slippers, and brushes, the whole weighing 14lb. Carrying our own held at the Exchange to day for the purpose of luggage made us quite independent of convey-

After breakfast we walked on to Culpeper which is here used to plough in for wheat, not being required for hay. Culpeper is a flourishing little town, with a very fair hotel close to the station, kept by Capt. Thompson. with 700 acres of superior land, 150 acres in fine timber; the crops looked very well indeed. sembly several days ago was only placed in the The house escaped being burnt down, owing to hands of Governor Walker yesterday morning. its having been used as one of the headquarters of the Federal army. Here we spent the night, and were very hospitably treated. £10 an acre is asked for the estate (worth £8). Next we went to see Mr. H.'s farm, about a mile from a station, quite a new house, with fifteen rooms in perfect order, and elegantly furnished; substantial outbuildings, 600 acres of good land in fine order, but rather too hilly. Mr. H. wished to sell his estate, furniture, crops, and stock for £12 an acre. Such opportunities do not often happen: £10 an acre would very likely have been taken. We returned to ulpepper for the night.

Next day my friend and I started to view Mrs. T.'s, farm in our shirt sleeves, with our knapsacks, as usual accompanied by Mr. Freethousand dollars, to be issued in shares of ten man, who, having acted as sub-sheriff, knew the country well, and whose good temper, attention, and fund of information I cannot speak mountains. We enjoyed much a glass of iced A colored man by the name of Jesse Harris | water, which seems to be drunk here with impunity, however hot you may be. Walked over the estate, about 1300 acres, 1000 under cuitivation; very good land; perhaps better for wheat and grass than any we had seen, its elevation (1000ft.) making it somewhat cooler. having been unusually long and severe, the It has fine water power to drive a corn or saw mill, but the great objection is being so far from a railway. Next day we walked back to Culpeper, and

took train to Alexandria, and thus terminated The meeting at Hamilton, on the 5th inst., in my first tour of inspection of land. I made the interest of a Farmers' Association was call- two others, through different portions of the ed to order, agreeable to adjournment, and district, but this furnishes a fair sample of

The projectors of the United States National Bank, to be located in New York city, have named Commissioners in all the principal cities to receive subscritions to the capital stock of the enterprise, which it is stated is not to exceed \$20,000.000. Gov. Walker of this State is named as one of the Commissioners.

The Radical triumph in New Hampshire, direct to the consumer, and to discuss and stim-though not a great one, gives much joy to the and will be sold accordingly. ulate all propositions leading to elevate our party, and especially to those who are for the

In the Court of Appeals, in session in Rich-The Norfolk market is glutted with wild Conference. The examination of official char- of mail matter has thus been effected. — Win- sumer, and that this agency shall be located in case of Wigginton, vs. Yancey's executor, &c.,

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDENS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 12, 1871. To the Honorable the City Council of Alexan ria Gentlemen:-In compliance with an act to organize a paid fire department, the Board of Fire Wardens have the honor to present their sixth annual report for your consideration. Since our last report, the working expenses of

a new steamer have been added to this depart-The total of bills approved for the past year is \$3,034.38. This amount is in excess of the expenditures for 1870 in the sum of \$1,135.65. Of this amount \$889 was paid for salaries, en gineer and driver, of the steamer Columbia \$95.90 for harness; rent of stable \$30-the small

to putting the steamer in complete working The following detailed statement will

balance going to supply fuel, feed for the horses

and to defray other necessary expenses incident

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The thanks of the Fire Department and are tendered to the proprietors of the Mount Vernon Cotton Factory for their courtesy in supplying cotton waste free of cost for the use

of the steamers.

The status of the fire companies is a matter for congratulation. We do not believe there are in any city more devoted, self-sacrificing and efficient firemen. Without the hope of fee or reward, they are yet at all hours, in season and out of season, ready at the first signal of danger. with no rivalry except the very laudable desire of how they can best work and best agree. It is the bounden duty of all good citizens to

duly appreciate the services, and have in grate-tal remembrance the self-sacrificing spirit manifested by the firemen of this city.

In the discharge of our duties as Wardens, we have endeavored to make the fire department as thoroughly efficient as possible under the circumstances, while in the expenditures of all monies the best interests of the city have been

constantly kept in view. In our efforts for the successful working of this department it gives us pleasure to recognize the assistance and co-operation of the able and accomplished Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, whose energy and zeal in the discharge of the duties of his office are the theme

WM. H. LAMBERT GEO. E. FRENCH.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, March 14 .- The market for Wheat is unchanged; offerings of 391 bushels red and 125 of white, with sales of red at 178 for prime, and 185 for choice; no sales of white reported. Corn is quiet: offerings of 652 bushels mixed, with sales of inferior at 67. Oats are duil and lower; sales of 44 bushels at 58.-Sales of Rye at 93, with offerings of 50 bushels.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 14 SUN ROSE...... 6.13 | MOON SETS.........11.44 SUN SETS..... 6.07

MEMORANDA.

Schrs George Nevinger, Vickers, and J B Vandusen, Corson, for Boston, hence, at Vineyard Haven 9th.

To Delinquent Tax-Payers.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: We most earnestly call your attention to the necessity which exists six or seven miles). Passed through a good for making some immediate arrangement for the settlement of your taxes.

We know the straitened circumstances in which many of you, are placed without any agency of your own, and our sympathies are all with you. We would not willingly increase the troubles which, so, many of you have to bear, and it is for this reason we now appeal to you to come torward and make some arrangement to prevent a sale of your property. Your failure to do so can have no other effect than to increase the costs.

You will find the Collectors, acting under the orders of the Finance Committee, ready and anxious to make any settlement that will insure the payment of your dues to the city, and prevent the advertisement and sale of your proper-The payment of these cannot be avoided -The law is imperative, and if not voluntarily settled by you, they must be settled by a tax

Some of this property is now in litigation in the Courts for sale and settlement of the rights of the parties, and son e may be unrepresented. On all such cases being made known to us, an arrangement can probably be effected to prevent an advertisement and sale, with its attendant

Possibly, also, some of the tax bills in the hands of the Collectors may have been heretofore settled or improperly charged; in all such cases we invite the parties to appear before the Collectors or Finance Committee for examination and settlement.

With the earnest hope that you will come forward and settle your taxes, we have postponed the sale which was to have taken place on the first of April to the second Wednesday in April, (the 10th.)
This will also delay until the 25th of March

the advertisement specifying the property to be sold. At the time specified the sale will take On and after Monday next, the 17th instant,

the Finance Committee will meet at the Auditor's office, on Fairfax street, daily, except Sundays, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock p.m., JAMES S. FRENCH.

JAMES S. FRENCH.
GEORGE Y. WORTHINGTON.
JAMES GREEN.
EDWARD EVANS.
HENRY L. SIMPSON.
GEORGE R. SHINN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manasses Railroad Company for the renewal of CERTIFICATE No. 470, (Lynchburg extension) for ten shares of the capital stock of said company, dated January 30th, 1860, in the name of Robert M. Kent-said certificate having been lost or mislaid. ROBERT M. KENT.

mh 14-w2m WHITE GOODS.

WM. N. BERKLEY Has opened Plain, Plaid and Striped Nainsook; Victoria Lawns; Undressed Cambrics; Piques Swiss Muslins, &c., &c.
These are very desirable goods, bought cheap,

TULEP STRAWS, of various colors, very brilliant, for making picture frames, just

received at mb 14 ENTWISLE'S CHINA STORE.

FOR RENT LOW-The VIRGINIA HOUSE PROPERTY. Enquire on the mar 11-eo3t*